

CHESTNUTHILL TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
ROUTE 715, BRODHEADSVILLE, PA 18322
MINUTES OF MEETING – APRIL 11, 2005

A regular meeting of the Chestnuthill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 11, 2005, at the Municipal Building Rte 715, Brodheads-ville, Pa. Those present were Chuck Gould (Chairman), Maureen Tatu (Vice-Chairman) Leigh Kane (Supervisor) and Atty. Joseph P. McDonald, Jr.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** to the Flag was led by Len Tusar.

Executive Session. None.

Unit Care Agreement. None.

Public Comment.

Burn Ban. The West End Fire Co has asked the Board to put a burn ban into effect immediately due to the weather conditions. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Leigh it was voted to put a burn ban into effect until further notice. (3-0)

Cheryl Mortimer. Had written a letter regarding an issue on Gilbert Road. Mrs. Mortimer was asked to speak with Walter Hansen, Zoning Officer regarding the issue.

Minutes. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2005 meeting, as distributed. (3-0)

Correspondence.

Monroe County Emergency Services. A fax was received that they are forwarding a disaster relief packet for the latest flooding.

Senior Housing. Maureen mentioned they are still on target.

Roadmaster.

Joe Weston was unavailable this evening but asked Chuck to bring up the following:

Salt Shed erection. Several quotes were received to erect the salt shed at the fire company sub-station in Effort. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve the price of \$4700.00. (3-0)

Asbestos Removal. Several quotes were received to remove the asbestos shingles on the home located on the Fire Company property on Rte 715. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve the price of \$2750.00. (3-0)

Part Time Summer Help. Joe asked to hire part time summer help for flagging, etc. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve this request. (3-0)

Full Time Help. Joe asked to hire 2 more full time road crew employees. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve the placement of an advertisement for help. (3-0)

HRG Engineering Firm.

Jean Drive. There is a drainage problem on Jean Drive. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to have Engineer Chris McDermott do a water flow analysis. (3-0)

Garage Extention. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to have Engineer Chris McDermott work with Craig, Sam and Merton of the road department on the designing of the garage extention. (3-0)

Planning Director.

DCED Grant Funding. Our grant reference #24-826-0593 has been approved in the amount of \$50,000.00. The payment requisition had to be signed. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Chuck it was voted to sign and return the paperwork. (3-0)

DEP Section 902 Recycling Grant. This grant #902-058-05 in the amount of \$306,598.00 has been awarded to us. We need signatures on the grant agreement noting we will accept this money. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to sign this agreement. (3-0)

West End Fair Association. Had sent a letter requesting the Board to waive the recreation fee on their pole barn that will be used in the future for a museum. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to waive the fee. (3-0)

Old Business. None.

New Business.

Park Push Mowers. It was requested that two new push mowers be purchased for the park. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve the purchase not to exceed \$500.00 for both mowers. (3-0)

Donation Chem. Free Grad Party. A request was made for a donation for the Chemical Free Graduation Party held overnight the night of graduation for Pleasant Valley Seniors. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve the same donation as last year (\$150.00). (3-0)

Bills.

On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to pay the General Fund and Capitol Projects Fund bills. (3-0) on motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to pay the State Fund bills. (3-0)

Plans – Planning Director.

Audette, John. (Land Development Plan) Effort Associates. It was asked to table this plan tonight. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to table this plan. (3-0)

Greer, James. (Land Development Plan) Effort Associates. The developer's agreement and letter of credit in the amount of \$70,544.50 was given to the Board. All other items have been addressed. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to accept this agreement and letter of credit. (3-0)

Western Pocono Community Library. (Minor Subdivision) Niclaus Engineering. Len Tusar was present on behalf of this plan. Back on January 19, 2005 the Planning Commission conditionally approved this plan subject to a highway occupancy permit being obtained before Supervisors approval. During the past few months, Mr. Tusar applied to Penn Dot for the permit; however, he was rejected as Penn Dot wants the driveway to access onto Countryside Drive instead of Rte 115. After a brief discussion the Board agreed with Penn Dot's decision, however, Mr. Tusar was asked to go back to the Planning Commission as a courtesy since there was a minor change in the plan.

NOTE: Maureen Tatu had to leave the meeting therefore you will see a change in the vote from this point on.

Effort Mini Storage Phase II. (Preliminary & Final Land Development) Niclaus Engineering. Len Tusar was present on behalf of this plan. The E&S plan is under review, open space and recreation fees must be paid, and a development agreement and bond is still outstanding. Engineer Chris McDermott's comment letter of April 11 needs to be addressed. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Leigh it was voted to table this plan until all comments are addressed. (2-0)

Wentz, Jessica (Preliminary Land Development Plan) Keystone Consulting Engineers. The E&S plan is under review, open space and recreation fees must be paid, and a development agreement and bond is still outstanding. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Leigh it was voted to table this plan. (2-0)

Land Acquisition. Chuck would like to pursue a 24 acre parcel of property on the east side of Rte 715 by the Bedford and Breakfast, and to sign a sale of agreement. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Leigh it was voted to sign the agreement, and to have Leigh and Cathy execute the documents and schedule the closing. (2-0)

Adjournment. There being no further business, on motion made by Leigh, seconded by Chuck it was voted to adjourn at 9:26 a.m. (2-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Baker
Recording Secretary